

## CENTRAL OHIO DAMAGE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MINUTES JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Builders Exchange of Central Ohio  
1175 Dublin Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43215

The January meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was held on January 15th, 2020 at 9:00 am. Introductions were made around the room and the mission statement was read by Shane Bibber with the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio. The minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Council President Steve Buskirk opened the meeting by honoring Kevin Schimming for his service as CODPC President for the past 5 years and presented him with a plaque.

Steve shared photos and a video with the council of the 811 float that was part of the Rose Bowl Parade. This year's theme was "The Power of Safety" featuring cats and dogs installing a community pool. Lee Richards was there to assist with the construction and was also present to ride on the float during the parade. It was estimated that the parade was broadcasted to 44 million viewers nationally and a live audience of approximately 700,000 people.

The meeting moved on to discuss updating the CODPC logo. Council secretary Sheida Garakouei sketched up several designs for members to vote and provide feedback on. It was unanimously decided that the logo should feature the Columbus Skyline in the background of the design. A few more designs with the skyline will be mocked up and presented to the council at the next month's meeting.

Council Treasurer George Gillespie informed the council that the Home and Garden Show will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup>- March 1<sup>st</sup> and passed around a signup sheet for members to volunteer to work the booth. Last year George had tallied over 1000 people that he was able to speak to at the event.

The next topic to discuss was this year's April Safe Dig event. Steve suggested that we could either go back to the community garden that we assisted with the previous year. There are a few flower beds that need reconstructed and could possibly plant a tree. Second option is to work with the Ohio Avenue Elementary school, or another underfunded school. The council could present a Sammy Shovel program, bring in the new trailer and work with the school on a construction project on site that could involve the kids. It was suggested that we could bring in some construction equipment for the kids to view as well. Steve also suggested that we could provide the kids a backpack filled with some Ohio811 giveaways. Christina Parady with the City of Columbus mentioned that she could reach out to her media contact person to possibly get the media coverage for the event.

For the 811 Day event, Steve would like to do something similar to last year's 811 event where it was held during a family fun day at the Clippers stadium. He asked Lori if Columbia Gas had intentions of setting up a booth and if they would be willing to partner with the DPC this year to host an event together. Steve would like to collaborate with other members companies as well. If they are willing to donate, Steve suggested that the council could reserve a section of seats in the outfield and would set up an "all you can eat" lunch buffet. The trailer could also be reserved and set up at the Clippers stadium

during the event. Since the Clippers will be away August 11<sup>th</sup>, we would celebrate the event Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting proceeded with Industry News Updates.

- Miami Valley will be hosting their April Safe Dig event April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 am at the Greene County fairgrounds.
- 2020 CGA Conference – March 22-26<sup>th</sup> in Palm Springs California. Additional Information can be found on the CGA website

Excavator Seminars will be held on the following days:

- March 4<sup>th</sup> - Lucasville
- March 5<sup>th</sup> - West Chester Twp.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Greensville
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Bridgeport
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Tiffin
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Independence

Members are encouraged to attend and promote the Excavator Seminars.

A round table discussion opened up following Industry/Regional News Updates.

Christina Parady informed the council that the City of Columbus is looking to hire Roadway Inspectors and are looking for individuals with construction experience. For those who are interested, please contact Dan Johnson at 614-645-6163.

Lori Wade proposed the idea that at each meeting, a council member will volunteer to share a “Safety Moment” with the rest of the council. This is something that they do at Columbia Gas and she feels it would be beneficial for the council as well. Steve agreed and asked Lori to share a moment during the February meeting.

The January CODPC meeting came to a close at 10:15 am

Next council meeting will meet February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9:00 am at the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio.













